REMARKS

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 33-36, 41, 42, 54, and 65 will have been amended. Claims 1-69 will be pending in the application. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4503</u>, Order No. 1874-4050. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4503</u>, Order No. <u>1874-4050</u>.

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Respectfully submitted,

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